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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CANTERBURY,

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH 2, 1866.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Due from Collector, March 1, 1865,	$640 55
Whole amount committed to the Collector,	12,978 73
	$13,619 28

The Collector discharges himself as follows:

Paid State Treasurer,	$3,405 00
County Treasurer,	936 94
Town Treasurer,	6,341 96
Non-resident highway receipts and taxes given in,	131 11
Collector's poundage,	129 78
	$10,944 79
Amount due from the Collector,	2,674 49
Whole amount of money and receipts returned by the Treasurer,	$20,996 48
Whole amount paid out,	20,770 49
Remaining in the Treasury,	$225 99
Mistake on entry,	20
	$226 19

RECEIPTS.

Amount remaining in treasury, March 1, 1865,		$608 86
Received of James S. Elkins, Treasurer of F. W. B. Society,		200 00
Jeremiah Cogswell,	on note of town,	100 00
Wm. H. Plummer,	do	275 00
Cyrus G. Brown,	do	100 00
Moses E. Haynes,	do	36 00
Franklin Kenison,	do	300 00
Marden & Elkins,	do	169 00

Dan W. Morrill,	note of hand,	300 00
Polly Gilman,	do	30 45
Jeremiah E. Curry,	do	100 00
John Ingalls,	do	275 00
Joseph Heath,	do	100 00
Joseph Ayers, S. Sargent's highway tax, 1864,		12 13
B. E. Pillsbury,	on note,	220 00
Sarah Dyball,	do	251 87
Hannah Young,	do	130 00
Sarah E. Monmouth, highway tax,		13 00
Moses C. Lyford,	on note,	250 00
S. Hill, for Congregational Society,		380 00
Reuben Fellows,	on note,	200 00
Samuel Hill,	do	125 00
Charles P. Haynes,	do	50 00
James S. Elkins,	do	310 00
Lydia C. Pitman,	do	100 00
Charles Jones,	do	300 00
Roxanna James,	do	50 00
Jemima Heath,	do	90 00
Joseph Dow,	do	118 21
Joseph C. Wyatt,	do	50 00
Rachel Wyatt,	do	44 14
Samuel Wyatt,	do	50 00
State Treasurer,	Railroad tax,	109 36
do	Literary Fund,	36 70
do	Savings Bank tax,	116 94
do	State aid,	1,741 64
Royal Scales,	on note,	150 00
Olwyn Dow,	do	200 00
Daniel Sanborn,	on payment of notes,	6 36
T. L. Whidden,	lumber and nails,	6 00
J. Pickard,	on highway tax 1864,	3 00
S. S. Davis, Collector 1865,		10, 944 79
on sales of town's property,		2,343 03
		$20,996 48

EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous Bills.

L. Gerrish, services at hearing in Geo. M. Carter's case,	$2 00
John S. James, do do	1 00
Enoch Bradley, abatement on taxes,	40
Express,	30
C. N. Huckins, oxer tax, 1864,	2 50
S. A. Dow, damage on sheep,	36 32
S. B. Foster, do	6 80
Benj. Whidden, do	3 40
Hannah Moore, do	4 08
T. K. Mason,	3 40
Geo. H. Carter, part damage on horse,	50 00
Wm. Butterfield, blank receipts,	2 25
Padlock for pound,	62
B. F. Brown, part pay as recruiting agent,	53 23
John H. Moses, re-enlisted volunteer,	209 00
For support of teacher's institute,	10 00
Insurance on town buildings,	12 60
Moore & Cilley, for nails,	7 48
John Ingalls, guide post and board,	1 50
for printing Town Reports,	52 00
J. S. Dow, work on town house,	4 50
Paid for revenue stamps,	4 00
C. & J. C. Gage, for rubble and lumber,	83 78
T. V. B. Clough, work on town house,	1 50
Elizabeth Hamblet, abatement on tax 1865,	5 10
Thos. C. Chase, work on town house,	7 50
Wm. Butterfield, posters to sell town farm,	2 25
Luther Sargent, services at town farm,	6 00
James Glines, for breaking roads,	1 50
C. Henry Ayers, freight on plank,	1 20
Joseph M. Foster, work on town house,	11 00
B. W. Sanborn & Co., stationery,	9 15
A. Batchelder, damage on highway,	25 00
A. H. & J. A. Brown, crackers, fish and nails,	6 27
Moses Worthen, over tax in 1864,	4 37
Minot & Mugridge,	12 00
Chas. A. Gilman, work at town farm,	10 00

S. Battis, burying nuisance,	50
D. M. Foster, services selling town farm, &c.,	13 50
N. Emery, do do	15 57
T. L. Whidden do do including stamps,	27 00
T. L. Whidden, for envelopes and postage stamps,	3 00
L. T. Weeks, returning births and deaths,	2 00
D. M. Clough, land damage in 1861,	19 50
D. M. Clough, for services and government tax selling town farm,	20 75
T. L. Whidden, shingling town buildings,	3 50
do work on town house,	27 90
B. C. Osgood, over tax in 1864,	1 87
Tax on town farm,	45 90
T. L. Whidden, wood for town house and glass,	3 00
Mistake on entry,	20
	$838 19

Roads and Bridges.

Leonard Colby, for lumber,	24 65
B. C. Swazey, for snowing bridge and other work,	12 00
A. B. Clough, work and lumber,	26 25
Stephen Young, for breaking roads,	3 00
Rufus Boynton, do do	2 25
Philip Clough, for bridge plank in 1863,	12 90
John Ingalls, work on hollow route,	7 00
Henry L. Clough, for snowing bridge 1864,	6 00
E. D. Clough do do 1865,	4 00
John F. Lake, plank and work on bridge,	22 93
Jedediah Sanders, do do	4 27
Lovering & Stone, bridge plank,	10 84
J. S. Elkins, work on bridge near G. Sanborn's,	7 85
D. M. Clough, cash paid and work to stay bridge,	103 71
Joseph P. Dearborn, bridge plank,	13 50
D. Morrill, lumber and work,	23 25
T. L. Whidden, work on bridge near G. Sanborn's,	9 00
S. Lougee, work on hollow route,	1 50

B. H. Kinney, lumber for bridge,	1 12
Nathan Emery, do do	2 00
	$298 02

Notes Paid.

John H. Moody,	$208 33
L. M. Mason,	71 43
M. S. Mason,	30 62
E. A. M. Hill,	48 00
Wm. Jones,	36 00
Kendrick Ludlow,	123 92
Sally Bean,	28 48
Mary Whitney,	350 00
Abagail H. Dow,	26 00
S. P. Fowler,	1,082 19
Charles W. Smith,	926 65
E. L. Batchelder,	535 86
Sarah E. Bradley,	100 00
George H. Gleason,	294 88
Charles P. Haynes,	98 82
Wm. P. Whidden,	18 00
Mary P. Whidden,	30 00
Andrew J. Moody,	50 00
Dan W. Morrill,	159 51
Martha B. Randall,	95 28
Thomas C. Smith,	410 00
Joseph W. Ham,	252 56
Wm. H. Carter,	200 00
B. F. Brown,	77 59
Leonard Colby,	107 51
Parsons Whidden,	1,486 43
Moody J. Boise,	192 00
H. H. Clough,	42 00
John A. Lougee,	62 70
Charles H. Chase,	75 00
Albert Blanchard,	209 00
Wm. H. Plummer,	25 00
John H. Irvin,	363 13
Jeremiah Cogswell,	104 70
Jemima Heath,	50 00
Jeremiah E. Curry,	104 72
Sally Morrill,	907 00

Mary Davis,	540 00
Moses E. Haynes,	112 34
George W. Lake,	113 17
Bernice Scales,	35 83
Betsey S. Morrill,	41 74
A. B. Whidden,	559 08
Daniel Sanborn,	50 45
B. O. Foster,	62 35
Abagail Garland,	153 40
Napoleon B. Dearborn,	48 00
Cartland Elliott,	80 86
Samuel Hill,	16 15
John Lyford.	100 00
D. Randall, jr.,	29 23
Sally Forrest,	225 00
Joseph Dow,	203 10
T. L. Whidden,	169 40
Andrew B. Taylor,	683 48
	$12,206 89

School Money.

District No 1,	George W. Scales,	$173 59
2,	N. Peverley,	90 87
3,	G. B. Colby,	94 50
4,	J. S. Dow,	123 36
5,	Charles Jones,	97 98
6,	S. A. Dow,	145 39
7,	Joseph Clough,	219 83
8,	Henry C. Blin,	142 05
9,	E. H. Knowles,	41 16
10,	B. F. Brown,	65 71
11,	Joseph Heath,	42 04
12,	John Wheeler,	70 53
	D. Whittemore, school money for Loudon,	13 32
		$1,320 33

Town Officers.

Paid L. T. Weeks, Town Clerk,	$30 00
J. C. Sanborn, Selectman,	25 00

S. M. Clifford, Selectman,	74 48
S. S. Davis, constable fees,	13 00
" " collector,	129 78
T. L. Whidden, services as Selectman,	123 11
" " expenses and horse hire,	21 25
" " services as Treasurer,	25 00
" " services paying soldiers' dependents,	15 00
" " for board of Selectmen,	47 00
Auditors,	3 50
	$507 12

Superintending School Committee.

Wm. H. Foster, services in 1864,	$28 50
L. T. Weeks, " 1865,	33 00
Jona. Ayers, " 1865,	49 00
	$110 50

Paid State Aid.

Louisa Ludlow,	$14 26
Alice C. Austin,	16 00
Laura E. Haskell,	54 94
Mary A. Foss,	48 00
B. B. Nudd,	42 40
Hattie A. Gleason,	39 73
Henry S. Gleason,	28 53
Melinda Burdeen,	24 00
Harriet Lock,	16 00
Hiram G. Haynes,	28 00
Carrie F. Sanborn,	8 00
Joseph T. Brown,	38 40
Thomas S. Smith,	40 68
James Twombley,	29 32
Mary A. Dearborn,	21 06
Mary J. Ham,	13 33
Jane S. Smith,	14 00
George Tucker,	44 00
Nancy Nudd,	31 57
Sarah B. Boise,	8 00
Susan A. Batchelder,	14 00

H. A. Clough, for George Q. Smith,	14 00
Hannah E. Marsh,	10 40
Thos. Clough, for Alice Pero,	19 33
D. L. Beckman, for H. Austin,	16 00
	$633 95

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous expenses,	$838 19
Roads and Bridges,	298 02
Notes paid,	12,206 89
School money,	1,320 33
Town officers,	507 12
Superintending School Committee,	110 50
State aid,	633 95
State and County tax,	4,341 94
Non-resident highway receipts and taxes abated,	131 11
Balance due overseer of poor,	382 44
	$20,770 49

Financial condition of the Town March 1, 1866.

Jane Haines,	note including interest,	$188 02
Polly Gilman,	" "	158 25
Lydia French,	" "	322 36
James S. Elkins,	" "	1,626 86
James S. Elkins, Treasurer 1st F. W. B. Society,		213 83
Marden & Elkins,		819 76
S. P. Fowler,		1,149 66
Joseph G. Clifford,		368 50
Mittie C. Clough,		23 46
Ruth Chase,		918 75
Betsey S. Morrill,		521 55
David Morrill,		241 05
John Glines,		349 58
Parsons Whidden,		322 29
True H. Mason,		579 84
Wm. P. Mason,		22 72
John A. Lougee,		304 50
Abagail Parker,		244 98
James Sanborn,		242 00
Harriet C. Brown,		388 22

Sarah Hancock,	126 16
Marstin M. Tallant,	286 75
Samuel M. Thompson,	684 50
Samuel Hill,	330 51
Samuel Hill, Treasurer Con'g. Society,	380 00
Jesse D. Sanborn,	2,172 36
Melinda Hoagin,	341 80
Nathaniel Pallett,	227 72
Sally Forrest,	169 07
Wm. P. Whidden,	206 84
Mary P. Whidden,	527 58
Charles Gile,	170 79
Wm. Jones,	303 50
Mary Whitney,	383 00
Sally B. Sanborn,	28 43
Jeremiah C. Elliott,	615 10
Ann M. Brown,	340 72
Eliza R. Randall,	28 37
Joseph Ayers,	361 98
Benjamin O. Foster,	58 65
Joseph Graham,	814 02
Sarah Graham,	113 48
John W. Bonilet,	113 48
Andrew J. Moody,	122 15
Sally Bean,	503 49
Charles W. Colby,	670 98
Eliza E. Colby,	145 38
David A. Morrill,	334 85
Hyram G. Cilley,	111 56
David M. Clough,	1,800 79
Freeman Webster,	557 38
William F. Sargent,	83 16
Abel B. Boise,	126 30
Ann M. Cochran,	878 10
Marcia E. Forrest,	54 85
John E. Forrest,	603 40
Henry L. Elliott,	437 63
Jedediah Sanders,	159 30
Ephraim Plummer,	1,092 33
John C. Smith,	436 51
John H. Irvine,	1,091 38
Henry H. Clough,	714 20
Charles P. Haynes,	823 26

Wm. H. Carter,	356 52
Polly Swasey,	615 01
Thomas C. Smith,	407 75
Charles W. Smith,	70 62
Napoleon B. Dearborn,	824 27
George H. Gleason,	567 82
Isaac K. Wells,	869 62
Joseph W. Ham,	615 30
Moody J. Boise,	560 15
Joseph Heath,	159 45
E. A. M. Hill,	166 51
Elice C. Chase,	204 26
Mary Colby,	217 12
Mary E. Lyford,	217 04
John Lyford,	250 23
Dan W. Morrill,	315 90
Lizzie C. Morse,	107 59
Laroy F. Morse,	141 48
Joseph C. Wyatt,	265 93
Daniel M. Huse,	536 18
Morrill Moore,	53 61
George M. Scales,	320 86
Mary J. Randall,	32 02
Lowell Beck,	212 95
David Randall, Jr.,	55 55
George B. Colby,	212 00
Stephen Wiggin,	106 00
Abagail Garland,	535 13
Wm. H. Plummer,	264 79
Cyrus G. Brown,	105 67
Franklin Kenison,	316 50
Charles H. Chase,	736 32
John Ingalls,	285 71
Sarah E. Bradley,	260 58
Billey E. Pillsbury,	229 08
Hannah Young,	136 02
Moses C. Lyford,	260 71
Reuben Fellows,	208 13
Lydia C. Pitman,	103 57
Sarah Dyball,	512 12
Charles Jones,	306 85
Nathan Emery, guardian of Cortey Randall,	584 89
Roxanna James,	50 87

Jemima Heath,	41 00
Chelis Sargent,	119 50
Jonathan Randall,	1,212 97
Rachel Wyatt,	244 62
Samuel Wyatt,	50 33
Royal Scales,	150 70
George H. Carter,	105 33
Olwyn Dow,	200 23
	$44,025 35
Liabilities of the town, literary fund not included,	$44,025 35
Due from S. S. Davis, collector for 1865,	2,674 49
" David Morrill,	2,000 00
" State, for aid to soldiers' dependents,	331 51
Amount in the treasury,	226 19
Due from F. Chase,	15 47
Due from A. J. Bennett,	10 00
	$5,257 66
Indebtedness of the town, exclusive of literary fund,	$38,767 69
Amount of literary fund,	1,177 92

There appears to be a small balance due from Wm. H. Currier, collector for the year 1862.

THOMAS L. WHIDDEN, S. M. CLIFFORD, J. C. SANBORN, } Selectmen of Canterbury.

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year 1865, have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHAN EMERY, JONA. AYERS, } Auditors.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Receipts.

City of Concord, for Edward Wilson,	34 15
Merrimack County for paupers,	851 44
Received on Widow Mary Elliott's last year's bill,	15 75
	$901 49

Expenditures.

Edward Wilson,	34 15
Electa A. Moody,	33 94
Sampson Battis,	37 72
Lydia Marsh,	19 38
Polly Ash,	18 81
John Glover,	48 17
Henry Burnham,	4 00
Eliza Haskall,	14 25
M. & L. Burdeen,	68 21
Sarah Chesley,	24 71
Thomas S. Tucker,	12 00
Wid. Hiram Miles,	31 00
Peter Tucker,	12 26
Gordon Ingalls,	70 25
Mary E. Davis,	2 00
Prudence Bland,	33 75
James Twombly,	4 55
Nathaniel Robinson,	4 00
Phineas Danforth,	45 75
Anna M. Moore,	2 50
John Burdeen and wife,	93 84
Sarah A. Whitney and children,	40 91
Abraham Libby,	7 55
D. J. Page,	5 00
Cynthia McDaniel,	2 23
L. T. Weeks, for medical services,	22 00
James Moore,	3 25
E. Brown,	4 07
F. Robinson and children,	2 60
C. Robinson "	6 63
Sybill Stevens,	9 45
Hannah Kimball,	18 85
Chairs, wood saw and axe,	4 19
Harper Morrill,	37 50
Postage stamps and envelopes,	1 00
Paid John Small at sundry times,	285 00
" on his salary,	158,21
T. L. Whidden overseer of poor,	60 10
Expenditures,	$1,283,78
Receipts,	901 34
Due overseer of the poor,	$382, 44

Amount of sales of town's property, town farm included,		4,368 50
Received of David Morrill, on farm,	1,215 00	
" by T. L. Whidden, of sundry persons,	1,128 03	
Due from D. Morrill,	2,110 00	
" A. J. Bennett,	10 00	
" F. Chase,	15 47	
	$4,368 50	

Expenditures at Town Farm as presented by John Small, Jan. 1866.

10 bbls. flour,	113 75
7 bags meal and 6 1-2 bushels corn,	23 30
Middlings, rye, and wheat meal,	15 73
21 1-2 gals. molasses,	15 11
103 lbs. sugar,	18 22
127 1-2 lbs. beef and veal 13,78 ; 1 calt 4 50,	18 28
195 3-4 lbs. pork,	45 38
123 lbs. fish 8 03 ; 1 kit mackerel 2 35,	10 38
1 bbl. phos. lime 8 92 ; 1 bbl. plaster 2 08,	11 00
9 1-2 lbs. tea 13 05 ; 1-2 lb. coffee ,17,	13 22
7 lbs. soda ,91 ; 1-2 lb, c. tartar 28,	1 19
Pepper, pimento and ginger,	59
Crackers 4 33 ; sweet oil ,13 ; garden seeds 40,	4 86
One pail ,28 ; cake soap ,13 ; pint gin ,44,	85
2 scythes 3 00 ; 4 rakes 1 30 ; two files 27,	4 37
Soft soap 7 80 ; castile soap 77,	8 57
Paper ,06 ; starch 08 ; combs and needles 45,	59
Anguintum ,25 ; matches ,55 ; cudbar ,15,	95
Two pails ,60 ; pot cover ,25 ; window glass ,50,	1 35
Wicking ,60 ; tub 1 15 ; lamp chimney ,18,	1 93
Indigo, ,30 ; ker. oil 1 00 ; lamp wicks 04,	1 34
Brooms ,77 ; axe helve ,25 ; sweet oil ,28,	1 30
Postage stamps ,45 ; cleaning clock ,75,	1 20
Salnitre ,17 ; almanack ,10 ; —— ,12,	39
Putty ,24 ; shoe thread ,20 ; steelyards ,35,	79
Alcohol 1 25 ; peppermint and hot drops 1 12,	2 37
Earthen ware 1,14 ; mending tin pans ,35,	1 49
Buttons ,24 ; twine ,40 ; onions ,31,	95
Ginger ,18 ; rice ,30 ; two trays 1 75,	2 23
Grass seed,	4 16

One yoke oxen,	175 00
Thread 3 41 ; thread and buttons ,74 ; needles ,08,	4 23
Pins ,10 ; twist ,10 ; cord ,07,	27
Shoeing oxen 2 00 ; shoeing horse 3 90 ; E. Gale 8 35,	14 25
4 1-2 bushels salt 4 25 ; 4 boxes salt 1 80,	6 05
3 bushels beans 10 11 ; 30 bushels potatoes 12 80,	22 91
6 lbs. nails ,54 ; basket ,33 ; 2 pigs 9 00,	9 87
15 1-2 lbs. dried apple 2 33 ; 3 1-2 bbls. apples 10 07,	12 40
Paid for ox work 3 00 ; other work 2 50,	5 50
Hooping bbls. ,56 ; for butchering ,75,	1 31
Paid saw bill 39 67 ; bull service ,40,	40 07
Paid for sugar ,57 ; Martha Bennett for work 2 50,	3 07
For trouble boarding Mary Bennett 9 weeks,	2 25
94 yds. sheeting and shirting,	33 07
25 yds. cloth for pants,	16 95
15 yds. crash 3 46 ; cheese cloth and tape ,79,	4 25
119 3-4 yds. print,	27 18
15 prs. boots and shoes,	29 54
Paid for sewing 1 60 ; 3 1-2 yds. frocking 3 15,	4 75
Mending shoes 6 92 ; yarn 4 50,	11 42
Hats and caps 6 66 ; skirts 1 42,	8 08
Shawls and shirting 6 11 ; 3 yds. selicia 1 01,	7 12
Hood and cape 2 05 ; school books 1 14,	3 19
Hdkfs. and vest pattern 1 00 ; comb ,20,	1 20
Lemon ,06 ; ribbon ,25 ; flannel ,50,	81
Buttons ,25 ; net ,15 ; thread and braid ,54,	94
A. H. & J. A. Brown,	1 43
Paid John Small, at sundry times, for support of paupers at farm, 285 00	

Receipts at Town Farm, as presented by J. Small, Jan. 1866.

1 yoke oxen,	230 00
99 lbs. butter,	35 35
19 doz. eggs,	5 10
3 calf skins 4 14 ; 20 qts. milk 2 00,	6 14
Potatoes 3 15 ; 2 bushels beans 7 00,	10 15
12 bushels oats 7 25 ; 10 1-2 bushels barley 10 50,	17 75
Poultry 3 75 ; beef 13 43,	17 18
Boot between oxen, 10 00 ; hide 5 00,	15 00
Cow 50 00 ; flour bbls 1 12,	51 12
Pasturing 8 75 ; D. Morrill for straw 1 00,	9 75
125 lbs. bacon,	22 66

Work away from farm,	26 00
Lumber sold D. Morrill,	83 66
Board of Mary Bennett,	13 50
For work of D. Randall, Jr.,	7 50
Board of A. Spinney,	10 00
Paid John Small, on his salary since April 1, 1865,	250 00
Received of the County of Merrimack, for the support of paupers at town farm,	361 15

THOMAS L. WHIDDEN, Overseer of the Poor.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Canterbury, respectfully submit the following report:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term. Taught by Miss Orianna E. Swasey. Length of term, 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 16. Average attendance, 11. Miss S. is one of a number of good teachers with which this school has been favored for several consecutive terms.—This being her first attempt at school teaching, she commenced with diffidence. But her confidence increased with time and effort, and she appeared like one of experience. She became increasingly pleased with her business, almost charmed and delighted, as she expressed her feelings. It it easy to read the sequel; a happy school, with success in all its interests.

Winter term. Taught by Mr. R. S. True. Length of term, 13 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 22. Average attendance, 16. Mr. True is endowered with good natural qualities. which, with his education, fit him for a good teacher. He easily sustains authority by moral power. He feels a warm friendship for his scholars, and they reciprocate, He is industrious and persevering; good order is manifestly an every day rule. The scholars seem happy and interested, and are advancing. The school ranks among our best.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Both terms taught by Miss Mittie C. Clough. Length of summer term, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 18. Average attendance, 15.

Winter term. 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 19. Average attendance, 13. Little need be said in regard to this teacher. Her great experience, and uniform success, is sufficient guarantee of the satisfaction given. She has taught various schools in town, as well

as elsewhere. Being happy herself in her charge, industrious in her efforts, her schools are happy and prosperous. The scholars in this district have enjoyed her instructions for so many terms, they seem almost to claim her as their permanent teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term. Taught by Miss Emma P. Curry. Length of term, 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 14. Average attendance, 11 10-11. Miss Curry is young and inexperienced, very kind, and indulgent. She seemed interested in her school. But we would be glad to give her credit for a little more energy; and as a consequence, increased success. The school, however, being small, and the scholars generally well disposed, and studious, the results are more favorable than anticipated, justifying a good degree of commendation.

Winter term. Taught 4 weeks by Miss Augusta C. Foster, and 6 4-5 weeks, by Miss Emma J. Jones. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 6 3-4. Miss Foster having previously taught this school, and having given more than ordinary satisfaction, it was to be regretted that the school should lose her services, and receive as a substitute the services of one so young and inexperienced as Miss Jones. But it is pleasant to be able to say that Miss Foster has been introduced to a much wider field of usefulness,—which she justly merits, and that Miss Jones has proved herself equal to the exigence. Her modesty shrank from the position. But it is well she yielded to solicitation; for she has done great credit to herself, and the school and district may well feel pleasure in the results of her labors.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term. Miss Nancy M. Foster, teacher. Length 8 weeks. Number of different scholars, 22. Average attendance, 18.

Winter term. Length, 14 weeks. 35 different scholars. Average attendance, 28. Miss Emma M. Gile, teacher.

The summer term of this school was very satisfactory. The progress was very good, and the readiness of the answers at the final examination, showed that thoroughness as well as progress had been required.

The teacher of the winter term seemed to have the requisite qualifications of a first class teacher, and to labor hard for the ben-

efit of the school, but while several of the scholars made very marked improvement, the school as a whole, was not as successful as was anticipated at the commencement of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The Summer term of 11 weeks, was taught by Miss Augusta C. Foster. Whole number of scholars, 25.

The winter term of 13 weeks, was taught by Miss Callie E. Foster. Number of scholars, 33. Average attendance, 25.

Both terms of this school were highly successful. While nearly all of the scholars were orderly and studious, the older ones seemed anxious to improve, to the greatest extent, the advantages of the school. This feeling is not uncommon in this class of scholars at the commencement of schools, but for want of proper sympathy and encouragement on the part of teachers, often gives way to indifference or discouragement. In this school it was cherished with the happiest results to the scholars, and it must have been a source of great pleasure and encouragement to the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Tirzah A. R. Dow. Length of summer term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 28. Average attendance, 25.

Winter term. Length 13 weeks. 26 different scholars. Average attendance, 23.

Great improvement was made by nearly every scholar in this school. At the final examinations, which were very thorough, the answers were given with a readiness and distinctness that indicated confidence. No class or scholar seemed to have been neglected,—and all seemed to take pleasure in the exercises of the school. The improvement in the deportment of some of the scholars greatly exceeded our expectations.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Mary E. Clough, teacher. Length of summer term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 49. Average attendance, 38.

Length of winter term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 38. Average attendance, 30. This school under its experienced and faithful teacher, made, as a whole, very good improvement. Some scholars, from lack of interest, or from causes even less excusable, failed to make the improvement they should have done. The "regrets" and the "hopes" expressed in the last

annual report are still "in order,"' and it is hoped, will receive the earnest consideration of every parent in the district. There seems to be now no just cause why this school should not become one of the very best in town.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Betsy J. Kaine, who has had the charge of this school during both terms, is a teacher of much experience; which implies proficiency. She proves to be one of those who, instead of growing weary and impatient with the care and instruction of youth,—add perfection to maturity, and zeal to increasing years, confirming knowledge by experience, applying all powers in possession to the one business in hand. She gives especial attention to the elementary branches, and allows no subject of study to be lightly passed, or viewed indifferently; inducing her pupils to accomplish all that can be well done. Mistakes and imperfections are corrected at the time committed. She moves with calm decision, yet is pleasant to her pupils, govererning without apparent effort.

Length of summer term, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 31. Average attendance, 23. Length of Winter term, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 16. Average attendance, 16.

In this case, as partially in some other cases, the character of the teacher is given, instead of that of the school; for when either is known, the other may be infered, in most cases.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Nancie M. Foster, teacher. Length of term, 13 weeks. Number of scholars, 9. Average attendance, nearly 8. Excellent progress was made in all the branches attended to in this school. Few scholars in town study as hard during the school term, as those in this district, and consequently, though their schools are short, they will compare favorably with those of any other school. This term seemed to have been a very pleasant as well as profitable one.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Miss Orianna E. Swasey, teacher. Length of term, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 21. Average attendance, 15. This appeared to be a very pleasant and profitable term. The teacher labored very hard for success, and secured the good will of the scholars, as well as the respect and gratitude of the parents. Great improvement in the deportment and habits of study was observed.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer term. Taught by Miss Ellen M. Ayers. Length of school, 7 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 10. The order in this school was all that could be wished; and the progress in all the branches taught, was satisfactory, beyond reasonable expectations, in view of the ages of the pupils. Such perfect reading as that of the first class, is seldom heard. All the recitations were very gratifying.

Winter term. Taught by Miss Sarah M. Moulton. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 9 1-2. Miss Moulton is very young, and never before taught. She is sufficiently energetic for such a school, and is quiet, but applies herself to her business. The teacher and pupils appeared happy with each other, and the order and progress of the school commendable.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer term. Taught by Miss Adelia F. Call. Length of term, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 20. Average attendance, 16. This school is generally very easy to manage, and there is less danger of failure than in the case of most schools o its numbers, so that a teacher who can succeed any where, may succeed here. Still the school needs a teacher of energy and activity. But the energy should be exercised with discretion and kindness, for all children possess feelings and a sense of justice. Energy and perseverance are prominent elements in Miss Call's character; but it would be well, had she cultivated greater uniformity of feeling and manner, and considered and conciliated the feelings of her pupils. On the whole, however, good improvement was made and the term was profitable; but not so pleasant to teacher or pupils, or so successful, as it might have been with a more persuasive manner.

Winter term. Taught by Jeremiah C. Foster. Length of term, 7 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 30. Average attendance . Mr. Foster takes great interest in his scholars, showing warm sympathies, and applies himself with diligence. His good feeling is reciprocated by his pupils, and sometimes to excess. In consequence of a partial lack of moral power to govern, the pupils are prone to indulge themselves in a little too good time consistent with strict order and the highest degree of advancement. But notwithstanding these slight calls for criticism, the school made good progress.

The recitations were ready and correct. The closing examination was gratifying, and the teacher and scholars are entitled to much credit.

REMARKS.

The death of William H. Foster, Esq., a member of the Committee, and for many years an eminent teacher in our schools, was a public loss; and the remarkably large attendance at the obsequies, although comprising but a small part of scholars and friends whose hearts were saddened by the event, was a deserved tribute to the faithful teacher and genial friend.

The vacancy occasioned by his death not having been filled, the duties and responsibilities of the office devolved upon the remaining members of the Committee. One of the most important, as well as difficult of these, is the selection of Text-Books. After such examination and enquiry as we have been able to make, we have decided to recommend the following list, viz:

The Progressive Series of Readers, The Progressive Speller, Greenleaf's Primary, Intellectual and Common School Arithmetics, Cornell's Geographies, Quackenbos' Grammars, Quackenbos' Histories, Cutter's Physiology.

This selection may not be the best that could be made, but seemed on the whole to promise the greatest satisfaction and uniformity, with the least change and expense. As a further means of securing uniformity, (which is very desirable) an arrangement was made with Mr. A. H. Brown of this town, to keep these books constantly on hand. It is also recommended that the town adopt this list for the next three years, so that no change may be apprehended during that time at least.

Attention is called to the remarks in former reports in relation to the selection of Prudential Committees. Too much pains cannot be taken in this matter. Also to the remarks in relation to the selection of teachers—to those in last year's report particularly. These and all other necessary topics have been so frequently and ably discussed in former reports, that it is not considered necessary to do more than to direct attention to those reports. It should be the first duty of Prudential Committees to carefully study them, as they contain not only valuable suggestions in relation to the necessary qualifications of teachers, but also the most reliable information as to the success of the different teachers.

At the request of the County Commissioner, the town, at its last annual meeting, appropriated ten dollars for the support of a Teachers' Institute. Five other towns in this county made appropriations, the whole amounting to $66,75, and an "Institute" was held which was attended by about fifty teachers, but by none from this town. So far as appears from the report of the "Board of Education," this was the only Institute held in the State the past year. It seems they have failed to meet the expectations of the community, and it is advised that the town adopt some means for the special training of its teachers, until some better course is suggested. We received neither visit or communication from the County Commissioner during the year past.

The suggestions of former years in relation to the employment of teachers of our own town, of acknowledged skill, in preference to strangers of whom little or nothing reliable is known, appear generally to have been acted upon the past year—only five of the twenty-two terms of school having been taught by non-residents. The results but confirm us in the wisdom of the suggestions.

It will also be observed that but two male teachers have been employed, and yet our schools have been, as a whole, quite as well governed as usual. Our teachers have all been faithful and laborious in the discharge of their duties, and we cannot think that the opinion that "there is a lamentable and increasing deficiency on the part of district school teachers," is wholly correct in respect to the teachers of this town.

If we enumerate the physical, mental and moral qualities, natural and acquired, desirable in a teacher, we shall readily see that they are rarely if ever to be found in one person. We are not, then, to expect perfection in teachers, but if parents and friends felt as deep an interest in, and bestowed as much anxious thought and gratuitous labor for the success of schools as do our teachers, the result would be highly gratifying to all.

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